

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ida Luella Larson was born on February 26, 1904, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, to Ludwig and Inga Larson, one of five children; at the age of 5 years, she moved to Clark, South Dakota, with her family; and 3 years later moved to Zeona, South Dakota where her family homesteaded; and,

Whereas, Ida received her teacher training at colleges in Aberdeen and Spearfish, South Dakota, and also in Greeley, Colorado, where she specialized in music, and her love of music led her to teach in public schools for 16 years, and she taught piano and voice lessons for 32 years; and,

Whereas, We celebrate the birthdays of those we love to commemorate the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and we acknowledge Ida's guiding influence along the way as she married N.G. (Gus) Jerde of Sorum, South Dakota, in 1933, and later gave life and love to one daughter, Delores; and,

Whereas, Ida's commitment to service, love of people, sense of humor, and strong moral values have been an inspiration to her family, friends, and students, and her positive "you can do it" attitude has helped many achieve their goals; and,

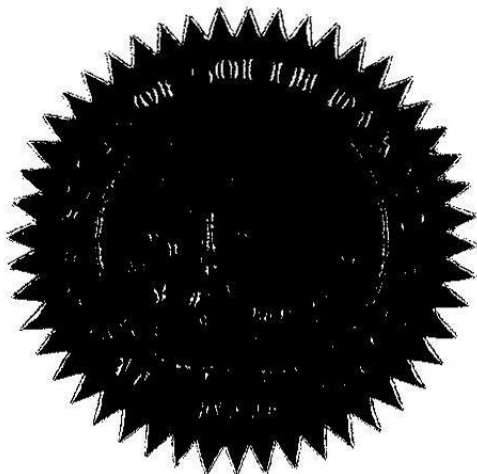
Whereas, Ida now resides in Serenity Corners Assisted Living in Spearfish, South Dakota, and upon her arrival she said to the manager, "I hope I can make people happy here"; and,

Whereas, Ida will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

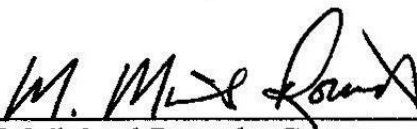
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State